

Editorial Comment

# For the Record

This is just a small note for historical accuracy.

The insert in last week's MIRROR containing the Students' Rights Statement was not totally correct according to certain members of the Augustana community.

These people objected to the ASA president's note which stated: "This document is the result of 2½ years of hard work by an ad hoc committee and the present student co-curriculum council."

In fact this document is the revision of an earlier statement passed in principal by the faculty and ASA last spring. The original document was written by a committee of students, faculty and administration. The document was then revised by the current ASA co-curriculum council. This revision was the document inserted in last week's MIRROR.

LETTERS

## Education and the Election

To the Editor:

As individuals committed to the process of education the members of this academic community have a vital interest in the coming Presidential election. This letter is intended to present the past record and future promises of George McGovern and Richard Nixon on this vital issue.

**Records of the Presidential Candidates on Education**

**GEORGE McGOVERN**

1966—voted against reducing subsidies from 90% to 50% for Teacher Corps salaries.

1967—voted to restore \$46 million to the National Science Foundation.

1968—voted to increase by \$10 million the funds used for school dropout prevention.

1970—voted for the Kennedy-Care amendment to increase funds for student loans and construction of higher education facilities.

**McGovern-Sponsored Legislation**

Defense Education Act of 1958.

Headstart Child Development Act of 1969.

Student Insured Loan Act of 1969.

Department of Education Act of 1971.

Fogarty-McGovern Act of 1958 (federal grants to train teachers for the mentally retarded)

National Foundation for Post-Secondary Education.

**McGovern Proposals**

Work programs for needy secondary students.

Funding for research in education of the mentally retarded and exceptional students.

Expansion of the system of vocational schools and junior colleges.

Funds and federal programs aimed at early childhood education.

"I would recommend to the Congress that the Federal Government pay one-third of the total costs of public elementary and secondary education ... Based on current expenditures this program would amount to about \$15 billion per year. Three of every four dollars of that money should be allocated to the states based on their ability to raise revenues and their educational need ... The remaining dollars would be allocated among the states under an incentive program ...

Overriding all the program would be the goal of equalizing educational opportunity.

Senator McGovern has proposed a cabinet-level Department of Education, "run by educators and responsive to them."

**RICHARD NIXON**

February, 1968 — Candidate Nixon said: "The one area we can't short change is education ... When you cut expenditures for education, what you are doing is short-changing the American future."

1969—Nixon cut the Johnson Administration recommendation for education by 10%

He asked no money for libraries or textbooks; no money for instructional equipment, guidance, or testing; 15% of the authorized amount for handicapped children; 25% of the authorized amount for bilingual education; 39% of the authorized amount for educationally deprived children ...

Congress restored \$1 billion. Nixon VETOED the bill.

1970—Nixon requested less money for education than the previous years appropriation (which he had vetoed)

Congress restored \$454 million.

Nixon vetoed the bill, calling it inflationary.

Congress overrode the VETO, August 11, 1970.

President Nixon then IMPOUNDED \$31 million, refusing to spend as authorized.

1971—Nixon submitted his third budget for education for a drop of \$50 million from fiscal 1971 appropriation.

1972—Congress again restored slashed funds, providing \$600 million more for education programs than was made available the previous year, and adding \$400 million to Nixon's request.

Nixon VETOED the bill on August 16, 1972.

**THIS IS THE RECORD. YOU DECIDE. WHO WILL DO THE MOST FOR EDUCATION?**

Jerry Larson  
Mark Wardell  
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## KAUR Replies

To the Editor:

Managing a radio station, I've found, can be full of surprises. Sometimes these surprises come from those who are not directly involved in the internal affairs of the station. My surprise this week came from Verdayne Brandenburg, writer of "What's Up Jock." Even for the casual reader of last week's column, a discourse on KAUR must have come as quite a surprise in a column which, by its name, infers editorial comment on Augustana sports. Mr. Brandenburg, in his column, made numerous statements that are entirely unfounded, but he also made a point which was very well taken by the student manager of KAUR.

Mr. Brandenburg made considerable use of the words force or forced when he rallies supporters for his cause. He recalls "how nearly every organization in the local vicinity was asked to donate to KAUR," and "when that was not enough, the Augie students had to pick up the tab in the form of a forced" fee which in the last two years has totaled eight dollars.

Apparently, Mr. Brandenburg neglected to recall that he had a chance to vote on the proposed three dollar fee for 1971 in a spring election. As for this year's five dollar fee, the student council overwhelmingly passed the five dollar levy for this year. I fail to see how this is "reminiscent of tyranny in the form of 'taxation without representation'" as Mr. Brandenburg states.

Although I don't understand where we first created "a gap of credibility," Mr. Brandenburg's issue and comments from this point on are very well taken. It is true that a KAUR student broadcaster was discouraged from broadcasting after his first show. The announcer in question was told that he could not broadcast during his previously scheduled time. After some more practice and consultation with myself and the faculty advisor an opportunity may open up for him at a later date and a later time period. The implication on the announcer in question was that he was not suited for the time slot in which I assigned him. I was under the assumption that the announcer in question was able to handle himself adequately, and if he did make an error I would write it off as opening day jitters. And many of my staff did make errors comparable to the announcer in

question. However, I was told to tell the announcer that he couldn't broadcast at that time, but in no way would he necessarily be permanently excommunicated from KAUR. The issue is not one of the announcer in question being denied the right to broadcast. The issue is my judgment versus that of advisor judgment, and ultimately who will determine members of the station staff, and at what times they will be allowed to broadcast. This is a value judgment that the KAUR advisory board should, and I hope will discuss, at the next meeting. My only regret is that there had to be this precedent case and that someone's feelings were hurt. Hopefully, the announcer in question will be given a later time slot to broadcast as soon as an opening reveals itself.

As Mr. Brandenburg stated, the students should have a say in the station's operation. KAUR has been airing daily a spot announcement encouraging not only student reaction to our programming, but community reaction as well. We appreciate all comments favorable or unfavorable.

We would ask that the internal affairs of KAUR be handled and made public by station management. Mr. Brandenburg, in his efforts at editorializing has, in effect, created a credibility gap of his own.

Jay Werth

## Poor Paper Because of Sports Column

To the Editor:

Poor MIRROR!

It's too bad such a good paper has to have such a rotten sports editor.

With the first few issues he implies he's going to be the next Howard Cosell. I've been waiting and so far have seen nothing meriting the words "controversial" or "funny," two of Mr. Cosell's attributes.

If a sports editor has to leave sports just to stir up some personal controversy about the radio station maybe he should be switched to a "gossip column."

Yours truly,  
K. Jeffrey Dahlberg

Snowjob

by Gary Snow

In past columns I have expressed the need for communication between the ASA student council and the general student body, regarding issues that the council is taking under consideration.

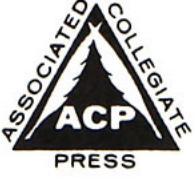

In order to facilitate this input and expand communication between the student body and the ASA, we are beginning two new programs directed toward this end. One method we are going to use is a list of randomly-selected students. We will use this list as the basis for phone and mailing surveys regarding specific issues.

To help students know what is going on in ASA we have started a bulletin board just outside the office that will outline the progress of certain ASA projects.

In addition to these two new programs we will continue our programs of short talks in the cafeteria, SNOWJOB, and the Thursday afternoon program on KAUR.

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